

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-11. (cancelled)

12. (currently amended) A method for producing a human or animal plasma product, comprising the following steps (a) and (b):

(a) a step of separating fresh plasma from the whole blood originating from a human or animal and reducing leukocytes in the plasma only by filtration; and

(b) a step of filtering the plasma using ~~[[a]]~~ two virus removal ~~membrane~~ membranes having pore sizes in decreasing order after the step (a).

13. (currently amended) A method for producing a human or animal plasma product, comprising the following steps (a) and (b):

(a) a step of separating fresh plasma from the whole blood originating from a human or animal after collection of the blood and reducing leukocytes in the plasma after the above separation only by filtration; and

(b) a step of filtering using ~~[[a]]~~ two virus removal ~~membrane~~ membranes having pore sizes in decreasing order after the step (a).

14. (previously presented) The method according to claim 12, wherein plasma that is separated from the whole blood or plasma which is further reduced with leukocytes for producing the plasma product has not been frozen before virus removal filtration in step (b).

15. (previously presented) The method according to claim 12, wherein step (a) comprises separating plasma from the whole blood originating from a human or animal within four hours from collection of the blood and reducing leukocytes in plasma after said separation, and in step (b) a raw material for producing the plasma product is not frozen before virus removal filtration.

16. (cancelled)

17. (previously presented) The method according to claim 12, wherein the plasma product is a fresh frozen plasma.

18. (previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the step (a) is performed within four hours after collection of the blood.

19. (previously presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein the step (a) is performed within two hours after collection of the blood.

20. (previously presented) The method according to claim 12, wherein the virus removal membrane used in step (b) has an average pore diameter of 100 nm or less.

21. (previously presented) The method according to claim 12, wherein the step (a) is a leukocyte-reducing step using a leukocyte removal membrane.

22. (previously presented) The method according to claim 12, wherein the steps (a) and (b) are carried out at a temperature of 25-40°C.

23. (previously presented) The method according to claim 12, wherein the steps (a) and (b) are carried out under a pressure of 98 kPa or less.

24. (previously presented) The method according to claim 12, wherein amounts of blood in step (a) and plasma reduced with leukocytes in step (b) are 100-500 ml, respectively.

25. (previously presented) The method according to claim 12, wherein a treatment time for the step (b) is 40 minutes or less.

26. (previously presented) The method according to claim 12, wherein the virus removal membrane used in the step (b) has an average pore diameter of 75 nm or less.

27. (previously presented) The method according to claim 12, wherein the virus removal membrane used in the step (b) is a combination of a virus removal membrane having an average pore diameter of 75 nm and another virus removal membrane having an average pore diameter of 35 nm subsequent to the former membrane.

28. (withdrawn) A human or animal plasma product or a serum product produced by a method comprising the following steps (a) and (b):

(a) a step of separating plasma from the whole blood originating from a human or animal and reducing leukocytes in the plasma and

(b) a step of filtering using a virus removal membrane after the step (a).

29. (previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein plasma that is separated from the whole blood or plasma which is further reduced with leukocytes for producing the plasma product has not been frozen before virus removal filtration in step (b).

30. (cancelled)

31. (new) The method according to claim 12, wherein in the step (a) the filtration is membrane filtration.

32. (new) The method according to claim 13, wherein in the step (a) the filtration is membrane filtration.